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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ALERT

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is advising all international travelers that a ban on the import of African elephant ivory will take effect June 9. Tourists are warned that any elephant ivory obtained abroad is subject to seizure upon entering the United States. Violators may be subject to a \$5,000 penalty. This ban includes ivory contained in shipments of household goods. However, it does not affect legally taken sport-hunting trophies with proper documentation.

This action is being taken under provisions of the African Elephant Conservation Act which is aimed at preserving dramatically declining elephant populations in Africa.

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